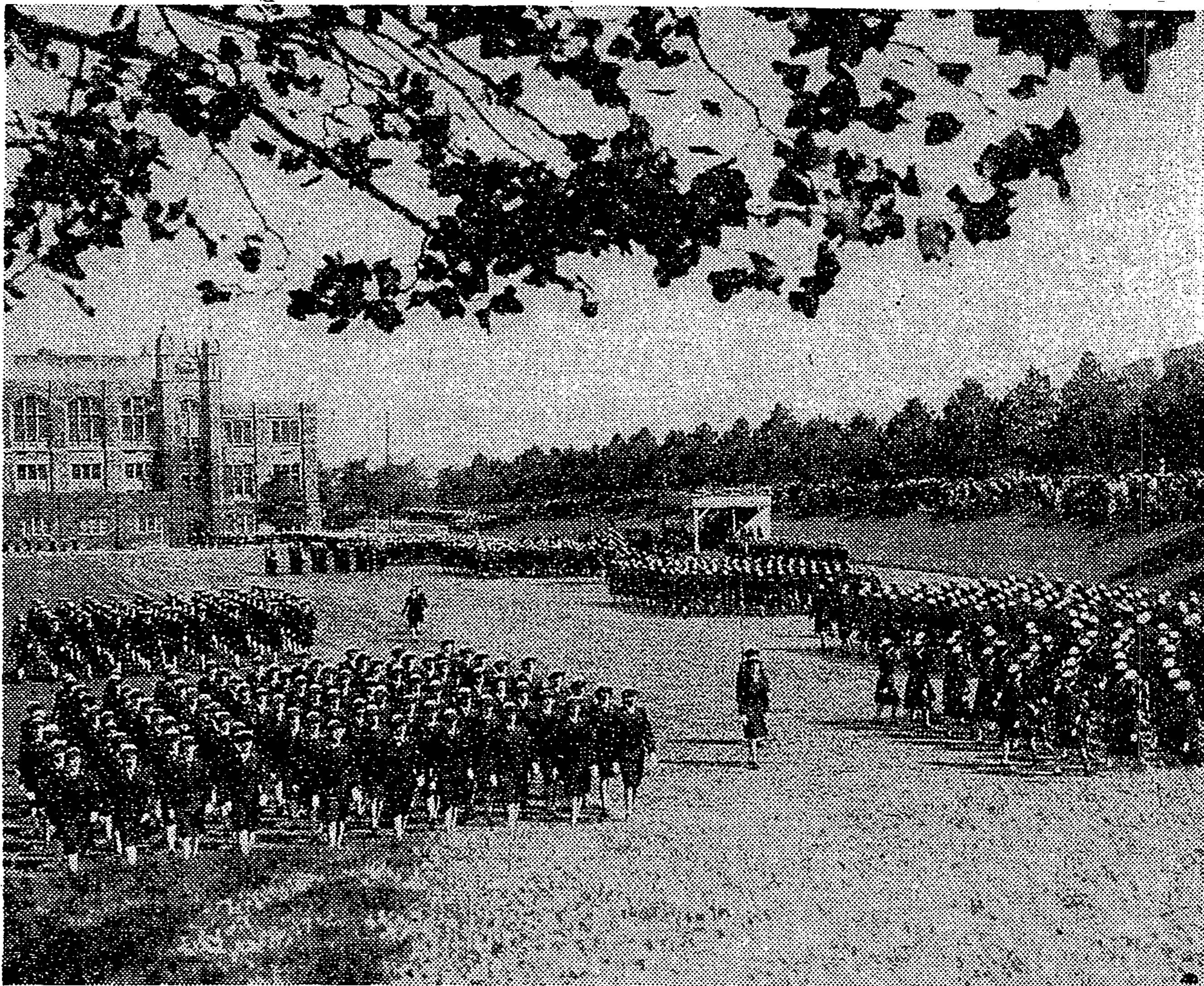


WAVES HOLD THEIR FINAL REGIMENTAL REVIEW HERE



Parading on the grounds of the United States Naval Training School yesterday

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Admiral Kelly Receives the Legion of Merit As Waves Hold Final Review at Hunter

The Legion of Merit medal was presented to Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, commandant of the Third Naval District, yesterday during ceremonies at which Waves of the Women's Reserve Naval Training School, Hunter College, the Bronx, staged their last regimental review.

Vice Admiral Herbert F. Leary, commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier, presented the medal to Admiral Kelly and cited him for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services" as commandant of the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn from June 2, 1943, to Dec. 5, 1944.

"Skillful and untiring in handling the problems incident to a period of expansion, Rear Admiral Kelly was responsible for the launching of two major combat vessels, for the successful completion of other important construction projects and for an exceptional record in the large number of ships repaired and serviced," the citation stated. "As a result of his efficient training organization, he effectively carried on the tremen-

dous work of the Navy Yard and additional duties despite the extensive turnover in personnel caused by the draft and other losses."

A thousand Waves of the school's last class of "boots," which will complete training this week, and 1,000 trainees of the Hospital Corps, which will continue at the station "for some months," passed in review before the admirals. Officers on the reviewing stand included Capt. Mildred McAfee Horton, director of the Waves; Lieut. Col. K. A. Towle, assistant director of the Marine Women's Reserve, and Lieut. Comdr. E. B. Crandall, district director of Waves. An audience of 400 watched the review, last of a series held weekly every Saturday morning since the school was commissioned in February, 1943. The station band played.

After the review the admirals inspected the galley and attended officers' mess, at which Admiral Kelly told the Waves that "the Navy needs your help" in keeping the public aware of the need for a strong Navy as the country's "first line of defense."

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